Motion was ruled out of order.

3. re. an Amendment to the Cochin sea Customs Regulation.

Mr. President.—I have received another motion from Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar regarding the recent enactment of amendments to the Cochin Sea Customs Regulation placing further restrictions on the freedom of the Press by means of a Proclamation and without consulting the opinion of this House.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Matters relating to sea ports are not within the purview of the Council under section 11 of the Regulation.

Mr. President.—This being a prohibited subject no resolution or question can be asked on that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I point out that the amendments effected to that Regulation have absolutely no bearing to sea ports. It makes certain articles excisable. That is all.

Mr. President.—But it is an amendment to the Sea Customs Regulation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—The drafting might have been done cleverly but it has nothing to do with sea customs. They do not belong to the same species. It does not belong to the species of Sea customs, though grafted to the sea customs Regulation. The word 'sea' is there.

Mr. President.—Government have passed certain amendments under section 20 and those amendments are to the Sea customs Regulation. Therefore I am unable to understand the arguments of the Hon'ble Member. If it is contended that the original sea customs Regulation is outside the purview of this Council how can an amendment of that Regulation be within the purview of this Council?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*— It is an amendment which does not legitimately belong to the Sea customs Regulation. My point is to raise a discussion on that matter and to censure the action of the Government in so doing it.

Mr. President.—I agree with the Secretary to Government that this is outside the purview of the Council and rule that the adjournment motion is not in order.

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